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The following is a summary of Soviet and KVP military activities observed prior to 28 November.

## A. Soviet

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1. General.

Routine duty, recruit training and firing practice by small artillery and tank units continued at the troop training grounds. The tank divisions of the four mechanized armies each received about ten T-54 tanks. The observation of empty shuttle trains after 19 November provides the first indication that the termination of the personnel exchange movement is in sight.

2. Training and Troop Movements within East Germany

Tank details transferred from Parchim to Wittstock on 9 November. A train with 20 T-34/85 tanks, 12 x 122-mm howitzers and 15 converted troop cars was observed at the Templin railroad station on 10 November. Twenty 85-mm guns, 30 trucks with troops and one field kitchen were observed passing through Templin en route from Lychen to Eberswalde or Prenzlau. Firing by tanks and a battery of 122-mm howitzers took place at the Templin troop training ground between 11 and 13 November. Elements of the 124th Heavy Howitzer Artillery Brigade returned to Brandenburg from Altengrabow on 13 November. One hundred men and 30 pontoons were entrained in Weimar on 16 November. Artillery firing practice took place day and night at the Doeberitz training area between 15 and 22 November.

3. Personnel Exchange

Prior to 25 November, 106 full eastbound shuttle trains, of which 61 were confirmed, and 127 full westbound shuttle trains, of which 65 were confirmed, had been reported. It is estimated that 175,000 recruits have arrived in East Germany and that 146,000 discharges have been returned to the USSR. Three westbound troop shuttle trains were reported between 19 and 25 November. An empty eastbound troop shuttle train was observed on 16 November.

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4. Tank, Vehicle and Gun Shipments:

a. On 18 November, 35 x 152-mm gun howitzers arrived in Wildpark from Frankfurt/Oder. Ten boxcars with troops and 38 flatcars with guns were dispatched from Potsdam to Schwerin on 24 November. Sixteen 100 mm AT guns were entrained without vehicles by the 308th Artillery Brigade in Gera on 17 November.<sup>1</sup> Twenty-six 57 mm AT guns were entrained in Brandenburg on 20 November. On 25 November, 6 x 100 mm AT guns were detrained in Bernau. Eight pontoons on full track vehicles, three T-34 tanks and 80 men were detrained in Eberswalde on 25 November.<sup>2</sup>

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b. On 4 November, it was learned that the following trains, each composed of one converted boxcar, one boxcar and ten flatcars with loads exceeding measurement, were to pass through Frankfurt/Oder: train [ ] to Zeithain, [ ] to Meinsdorf, [ ] to Altruppin and [ ] to Satz Korn. Ten canvas-covered, new-type tanks without muzzle brake were detrained in Satz Korn from train [ ] which had arrived from Frankfurt/Oder on 13 November. Twelve to fifteen tanks without muzzle brake were detrained in Neuruppin on the same day. Two T-54 tanks were seen en route from Riesa toward Zeithain on 15 November.

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## B. KVP

There was generally little training activity, some of the units being still engaged in harvesting on 15 November. Artillery firing took place at the Weisswasser troop training grounds between 6 and 11 November. Elements of the Rostock Rifle Regiment engaged in firing practice at the Graal-Markgrafenheide training grounds. Eight new tank trucks arrived at the Kavallerie Kaserne in Pasewalk on 24 October while ten new trucks were delivered to the former KZ Kaserne in Oranienburg.

[ ] Comments:

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1. This is probably related to the arrival of 16 guns in Gera on 7 November. [ ]
2. The report of a shipment of 10 x 152-mm gun howitzers from Frankfurt/Oder to Satz Korn has been found to be in error. [ ]

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